



October 31, 2014

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 15-028 - Repainting Decal Installation and Heavy Maintenance on 30 60-ft. Articulated Buses**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to issue RFP No. 15-028 for the repainting, livery upgrade, bus decal installation and heavy maintenance on 30 60-ft. articulated buses.

Background

Foothill Transit's procurement of 42-ft. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) include Foothill Transit's new Mural Design livery. This design features active arches that reflect motion while simulating the communities that Foothill Transit serves. A green accent color plays into the environmentally friendly aspects of public transportation while bright white paint provides a crisp, bright backdrop for the new livery.

In October 2013, the Board approved the livery update of Foothill Transit's fleet that will not be retired within the next 18 months. Phase I of the rebranding project involves 56 42-ft. low-floor CNG buses that were procured from NABI within the last four years, which are the series 1700, 1800, and 1900.

Phase 2 of the rebranding will update the livery on Foothill Transit's fleet of 30 60-ft. articulated buses to the new design (**Attachment A**). The design mimicks the same active arches that are found on the most recent Mural Design livery while retaining the identity of the Silver Streak with the use of silver and grey hues not found on the 42-ft. buses.

In addition to the livery update will be a much needed refreshing of the coaches. Each 60-ft. articulated coach assigned to Silver Streak service averages in excess of 50,000 miles per year and while the coaches have not yet reached their 12-year expected life, many are approaching the 500,000 mile threshold for eligibility for retirement. Rather than retire these coaches, a more efficient use of Foothill Transit's capital funds would be to perform heavy maintenance on these coaches.



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Budget Impact

Funding for this project is programmed in Foothill Transit's adopted FY 2014/15 Budget and Business Plan.

Sincerely,

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Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director

Attachment A

